

Recognitions at January 2008 State Board Meeting

- **Appreciation for Service as Chairman**

Outgoing State Board of Education chairman John Tindal of Manning (left in photo) receives a plaque in recognition of his service from new board chair Al Simpson at the January 2008 meeting. Also recognized at the meeting were three other board members whose terms expired this past December — Daniel Varat of Greenville, Lisa Stokes of Bamberg and Joe Isaac of Pawleys Island.



- **National Blue Ribbon School – Wright Elementary (Anderson District Two)**



State Superintendent Jim Rex (left) and State Board member Rick Adkins (far right) congratulate principal Findley Smith and Anderson District Two's Wright Elementary for being named one of four South Carolina schools to earn National Blue Ribbon honors in 2007 from the U.S. Department of Education. Blue Ribbon Schools have students who achieve at the highest levels or who are making significant progress in closing achievement gaps.

- **National Blue Ribbon School – Jennie Moore Elementary (Charleston County)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Cindy Clark (left) congratulate Karen Felder, principal of Jennie Moore Elementary School in the Charleston County School District, also named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2007. Jennie Moore is a 4K through grade five arts magnet school located in Mount Pleasant.



- **National Blue Ribbon School – W.M. Anderson Primary (Williamsburg County)**



State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Bonnie Disney (center, back row) congratulate Teresa Wright, principal of W.M. Anderson Primary School in the Williamsburg County School District, also named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2007. Anderson Primary is a pre-K through third grade school with nearly 800 students enrolled.

- **National Blue Ribbon School – Gold Hill Elementary (York School District Four)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Britt Blackwell (fourth from right in photo) congratulate principal Terry Brewer and Gold Hill Elementary School in York District Four for being named a National Blue Ribbon School for 2007. Gold Hill serves 850 students in kindergarten through fifth grade.



- **Title I Distinguished School – W.M. Anderson Primary (Williamsburg County)**



State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Bonnie Disney (second from left in photo) congratulate principal Teresa Wright and W.M. Anderson Primary School in Williamsburg County for earning recognition as a National Title I Distinguished School under No Child Left Behind. The school received a \$100,000 award in honor of overall student achievement, strong training programs and parent/community partnerships. It was one of six South Carolina schools cited under the federal program.

- **Title I Distinguished School – Sanders-Clyde Elementary (Charleston County)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Cindy Clark (middle in photo) congratulate principal Mishawana Moore of Sanders-Clyde Elementary School in the Charleston County School District for receiving Honorable Mention in the overall achievement category for Title I Distinguished Schools. The school received a \$25,000 award as part of this recognition.



- **Title I Distinguished School – Myrtle Beach Elementary (Horry County)**



State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Gerrita Postlewaite (far left in photo) congratulate principal Renea Anderson-Fowler of Myrtle Beach Elementary School in the Horry County School District for receiving Honorable Mention in the overall achievement category for Title I Distinguished Schools. The school received a \$25,000 award as part of this recognition.

- **Title I Distinguished School – Oakland Elementary (Greenwood District Fifty)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Charles McKinney (far right in photo) congratulate principal Rex Coates of Oakland Elementary School in Greenwood School District Fifty for winning a \$100,000 Closing the Achievement Gap award for Title I Distinguished Schools in South Carolina.



- **Title I Distinguished School – Kingston Elementary (Horry County School District)**



State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Gerrita Postlewaite (far left in photo) congratulate principal Mary Anderson of Kingston Elementary School in Horry County for winning a \$25,000 Honorable Mention award in the Closing the Achievement Gap category for Title I Distinguished Schools in South Carolina.

- **Title I Distinguished School – Jefferson Elementary (York School District One)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Britt Blackwell (third from right in photo) congratulate principal Jane Wallace of Jefferson Elementary School in York District One for winning a \$25,000 Honorable Mention award in the Closing the Achievement Gap category for Title I Distinguished Schools in South Carolina.



- **Milken National Educator Award – Genia Webb (Lexington Middle School)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Amelia Herlong congratulate Lexington Middle School teacher Genia Webb (center in photo) as one of South Carolina's two Milken National Educator Award winners. The "Oscar of Teaching" awards recognize top classroom professionals with a \$25,000 check and a trip to the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

- **Milken National Educator Award – Eric Wilkinson (Sumter High School)**

State Superintendent Jim Rex and State Board member Bonnie Disney (third from left in photo) recognize Sumter High School teacher Eric Wilkinson (second from right) as South Carolina's other Milken National Educator Award winner. He also receives a \$25,000 check and a trip to the Milken Family Foundation National Education Conference in Los Angeles.

